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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN EMPEROR REPORTEDLY EXPRESSES HIS PERSONAL  
ESTEEM FOR PRESIDENT SIAD

REF: ADDIS ABABA 11150 (NOTAL)

1. ALAN MCBAIN, HEAD OF SMALL UNICEF PROGRAM IN SOMALIA WHO  
RESIDES IN ADDIS, MET WITH CHARGE SEPTEMBER 30. AFTER LONG  
DISCUSSION OF UNICEF PROBLEMS IN SOMALIA (SEPTTEL), CHARGE RE-  
QUESTED MCBAIN'S COMMENTS RE STATUS OF ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI RE-  
LATIONSHIPS.

2. MCBAIN SAID HE DID NOT FIND "SOMALI THREAT" RECEIVED MUCH  
ATTENTION FROM IEG OFFICIALS HE KNEW, BUT HE HAD HAD INTER-

ESTING PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THIS REGARD. DURING RECENT RE-  
CEPTION FOR UN VISITORS, HIM WAS CHATTING WITH MCBAIN AND ASKED  
HIM WHETHER HE FOUND DIFFICULTIES IN BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR  
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UNICEF PROGRAMS IN BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. MCBAIN REPLIED

(WITH MORE OPTIMISM THAN FACT) THAT PROGRAMS WERE GOING WELL IN BOTH COUNTRIES. MCBAIN SAID EMPEROR THEN STATED THAT HE GREATLY ADMIRER SIAD AND FOUND HIM A MAN HE COULD DEAL WITH ON A PERSONAL BASIS. CHARGE COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS MOST ENCOURAGING SINCE SIAD HAD GREAT REGARD FOR EMPEROR AND LOOKED UPON PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HIM AS BEST -- IF NOT ONLY -- WAY TO SOLVE TWO COUNTRIES PROBLEMS. CHARGE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT MCBAIN PASS ON THIS STATEMENT TO SOMALI OFFICIALS IF APPROPRIATE OCCASION AROSE.

3. COMMENT: MCBAIN SEEMS STRANGE CHANNEL FOR HIM TO USE IN LETTING SOMALIS KNOW HE WOULD PERSONALLY BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SIAD. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ADDIS' STATEMENT AS TO ACCURACY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF MCBAIN'S REPORT.  
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